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Apparently it is quite impossible for non-technologically enhanced people to look at the situation logically-especially US Justices. Trust in that if Microsoft is penalized to the letter and spirit of the law-that the sky won't fall. There are alternatives to Microsoft. It is incredulous to my mind that Microsoft has been allowed to thrive. Apparently Mr. Gates can buy ANYthing-even justice. I wish you all a lifetime of windows for your actions to date, may you live with unstable operating systems. thousands of computer viruses, and a stagnant tech sector due to your laissez-faire policies. Not to mention a megalomaniac named Gates. Usually I am sympathetic to people of Mr. Gates nature, for he is truly a unique individual. A real shame that due to his business practices and unrepentant behavior he is no better than a criminal, and since he is super-wealthy can buy what he wants. For myself I will not purchase Microsoft software, nor will I use it unless it is free, and superior. Fortunately Microsoft Macintosh products are superior in this area where Microsoft has had to compete with other Macintosh products. Microsoft CAN do a good job of software if they have to. Why do they have to under the settlement you propose?

I would rather not service Microsoft OS based computers in my work, and since I am a Macintosh specialist I don't have to. Even the new Windows XP will crash if a real load is put into the OS-not to mention the back orifices that report the contents of your hard drive to Redmond every time you connect to the internet. I realize that Microsoft has a piracy of software problem-but I am not prepared to live in a world where some engineer can look at the contents of my hard disk whenever I use the net. No thanks America, I'll stick with my Mac.